

# **INITIAL ROPE STUDY MEETING**

**Thursday, July 16, 2002**

**2:00 PM**

## **Crosslake Recreation Area**

**Present: Bob Becker, PRWPF; Bob Anderson; Rod Nelson, Rush lake Association; John Henke, City of Crosslake, Park Director; Dene Carney, Crosslake Area Historical Society; J.O Wellschlaeger, WAPOA-PRWPF; John O'Leary; Deb Griffith, COE; and Ray Nelson, COE.**

### **AGENDA:**

- 1. Provide a short overview and status of the ROPE**
- 2. Discuss the roles of this Group and others being formed**
- 3. Define ways to organize and mobilize the Group**

**All those present introduced themselves and shared their interest in this group.**

### **CONCERNS OF THE GROUP:**

- 1. Pine River Dam drawn down is too early**
- 2. Maintaining water quality of the Whitefish Chain**
- 3. Recreational use of the Whitefish Chain**
- 4. Re-define "Lake Groups" to include those persons who have a vested interest in the Lakes Area, but who do not live on or near the water. Include stakeholders such as businesses that depend on the lake for their success.**
- 5. Impact that the operational plan has on wildlife.**

**Ray Nelson and John O'Leary provided an overview of the purpose of the ROPE study. They explained that an operational plan for the Headwaters Reservoirs had been done 40 years ago and that this study, which will take four years to compile, would be a replacement. They emphasized the Task Force groups purpose would be in sharing feedback on the Plan's progress and that they're involvement would be for the long term. While specific agencies and persons would provide technical expertise, the Task Force would provide the knowledge of living on and around the Whitefish Chain, and how current and future operations would impact the area.**

**A survey of interest among the group for another meeting in the fall indicated those present would attend and they would attempt to talk with other people who would benefit the work of the Task Force.**

**Respectively Submitted,  
Deb Griffith, COE, Park Ranger**